

REMARKS

The specification has been amended to provide a cross-reference to the previously filed International Application.

The claims have been amended to delete improper multiple dependencies.

Entry of the above amendments is earnestly solicited. An early and favorable first action on the merits is earnestly solicited.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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IN THE CLAIMS:

The claims have been amended as follows:

4. (Amended) A medium-carrying hose according to [any one of claims 1-3] claim 1,  
c h a r a c t e r i s e d i n  
that the expansion portion is a groove in the hose casing when this is in an unexpanded state.

8. (Amended) A medium-carrying hose according to [any one of claims 5-7] claim 5,  
c h a r a c t e r i s e d i n  
that the cross-sectional shape of the groove is different in different parts of the hose.

9. (Amended) A medium-carrying hose according to [any one of claims 1-8] claim 1,  
c h a r a c t e r i s e d i n  
that the hose has at least two expansion portions, which are uniformly distributed along the circumference of the hose casing.

10. (Amended) A medium-carrying hose according to [any one of claims 1-9] claim 1,  
c h a r a c t e r i s e d i n  
that the hose has four wall portions in addition to four expansion portions, which are alternately arranged along the circumference of the hose casing.

11. (Amended) A medium-carrying hose according to [any one of claims 1-10] claim 1,  
c h a r a c t e r i s e d i n  
that the hose along its circumference is provided with an elastic material.

12. (Amended) A medium-carrying hose according to [any one of claims 1-10] claim 1,  
c h a r a c t e r i s e d i n  
that the hose along its inner circumference is provided with an elastic material.

16. (Amended) A method according to [any one of claims 13-15] claim 13,  
c h a r a c t e r i s e d i n  
that the form material is an elastic material, which extends along the circumference of the hose material.

18. (Amended) A method according to [any one of claims 13-16] claim 13, c h a r a c t e r i s e d i n that the form material is removed from the hose material in order to form the completed hose.